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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7774**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1468

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 30, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 29, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Immunizations by Pharmacists.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Welch

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Becker

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill allows a physician to delegate a pharmacist to administer immunizations under a drug order or prescription. The bill allows a pharmacist to administer an immunization for influenza under a physician protocol for certain individuals under certain circumstances.

The bill requires the State Department of Health to: (1) consult with health care providers in evaluating the immunization data registry system and determine ways to make the registry easier for health care providers to report to and use; and (2) report to the Health Finance Commission.

The bill also requires the Indiana Board of Pharmacy to: (1) study and make findings on the issue of the application of technology in the dispensing of drugs and to report the Board's findings to the Legislative Council and the Health Finance Commission; and (2) adopt rules concerning the qualifications, protocols, and record-keeping requirements of pharmacists who administer immunizations. It further specifies that a pharmacist may not be required to administer an immunization or complete training if the pharmacist chooses not to administer any immunizations.

**Effective Date:** (Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill would clarify that the scope of practice for pharmacists includes the administration of immunizations by pharmacists under a physician's drug order or prescription, or for influenza immunizations under a drug order or prescription or according to a protocol approved by a physician. If a protocol for influenza immunizations is approved, it must specify the group of individuals to whom the immunization may be given, and the physician who writes the protocol must be licensed in Indiana and may not be employed by a pharmacy.

The bill requires the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate rules regarding training requirements for the administration of immunizations and record-keeping and reporting responsibilities. This administrative activity should be able to be implemented within the existing level of resources available to the Board.

(Revised) The Board of Pharmacy is required to study the application of technology in the dispensing of drugs including the role of pharmacy technicians when using bar code technology in long-term care pharmacies. The Board is required to report their findings to the Health Finance Commission and the Legislative Council before November 1, 2007. This activity should be accomplished within the existing level of resources available to the Board.

(Revised) The bill also requires the State Department of Health to evaluate the Immunization Data Registry to determine if the Registry can be made easier to use. The Department is to orally report the progress and any recommendations to the Health Finance Commission. This activity should be accomplished within the existing level of resources available to the Department.

*Background Information:* According to the American Pharmacists Association, 36 states are reported to have pharmacists that actively administer immunizations. Several states have limited the administration of immunizations by pharmacists to the adult population and require certain training and record-keeping and reporting requirements for this activity. The American Pharmacists Association offers an immunization training program for pharmacists in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) standards.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Professional Licensing Agency, Board of Pharmacy; State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** <http://www.aphanet.org>

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